

# FISCAL NOTE

## HB 33 - SB 1293

February 17, 1997

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Directs the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation to: (1) develop a pilot project in three counties beginning February 1, 1998 for a three year period involving voluntary environmental audits of regulated facilities; (2) consult with the Attorney General and Reporter in developing guidelines concerning any evidential privilege which may be granted to the voluntary environmental audit report, and (3) report the results to the General Assembly and its appropriate standing committee on or before September 1, 2000.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

#### Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

The Department of Environment and Conservation has in place a *Self-Auditing Enviromental Policy*. The development of additional rules, guidelines, and legislative reports can be absorbed utilizing existing staff and resources.

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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